

Frederick Community Action Agency and
Friends for Neighborhood Progress, Inc.

Joint Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Frederick Community Action Agency

100 South Market Street, Frederick, Maryland

Board Members Present: **FCAA:** John Sica, Richard Basford, Louise Lynch, Alderman Mike O'Connor, Eric Struntz, Guy Djoken

FFNP: John Sica, Blake Briddell for Geb Byron, Marcia Hall

Staff Present: Mike Spurrier, Director; Sarah McAleavy, Coordinator; Michele Ott, Coordinator

Excused: Dr. Bob Mannis, Seaven Gordon, Rick Weldon, Nate Phillips, Chris Bickle, Commissioner Jan Gardner, Mike Tauraso, and Rev. Scott Winnette

Call to Order:

The Joint Board Meeting of the Community Action Board of Directors and Friends for Neighborhood Progress, Inc. (FFNP) was opened at 12:10 p.m. by Louise Lynch, Secretary.

Introductions occurred and members welcomed Alderman Michael O'Connor, the newly appointed Aldermanic member to the Community Action Board of Directors.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as written on a motion by Marcia Hall with a second by Eric Struntz.

Fiscal Report - Michele Ott

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Michele Ott, Coordinator of Administrative Services presented the financial reports for the City Budget and the FFNP Budget; both were unanimously accepted as presented.

Program Presentation - Mike Spurrier, Director

Mike Spurrier, Director presented a draft of the FCAA's Strategic Five-Year Plan. Spurrier highlighted program areas that will be important for future growth and development. A copy of the draft Strategic Five-Year Plan is attached.

Director's Report - Mike Spurrier, Director

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Spurrier presented an application for \$60,000 in funding from the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) for the continued operation of the Housing Rehabilitation Program and requested approval by the FFNP Board; on a motion by John Sica, with a second by Marcia Hall, the FFNP Board unanimously approved submission of the MAHT grant proposal.

Other Business

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None

Announcements

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Guy Djoken reported that Chairman Seaven Gordon was a keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King, Jr. event and provided a wonderful speech that was really appreciated.

Louise Lynch mentioned the United Seniors of Maryland Rally held in Annapolis on January 19, 2010. Over 500 attendees interacted with the Governor and other elected officials as well as meeting with the Western Maryland Delegation to discuss concerns regarding senior issues. They were particularly concerned about Sen. David Brinkley's statement to the Carroll County Times saying that he thought the Maryland Department of Aging was an unnecessary agency and money could be saved by either closing the agency or folding it into another agency. All of the legislators are completely shocked to learn that there are now over 1 million 60+ adults in Maryland and just over 843,000 children enrolled in the Maryland public schools, yet most of our taxes go to schools (51%). The primary concern is that as the senior population continues to grow at a rapid rate, the public school enrollment continues to decrease.

Marcia Hall reported on the Point-In-Time Count that is occurring today and highlighted efforts to survey all residents of an encampment off the new East Street Extension.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Boards, Secretary Lynch adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and thanked members for their attendance and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Spurrier, Director